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"Clear of them!" he added. "Draw your own inferences. Handsome young men, with light purses, must make light hearts."

"But how can you catch a glimpse of your pupils you will undertake?"

"I haven't been a teacher here for five years for nothing."

"Thank you!"

With it I gave my friend my hand, and we parted. An hour later my friend came back, looking about me with no small degree of interest for the two pupils of whom my friend had spoken and wondering in the meantime if his kindly, well-meant caution would not bring me at once face to face with the very person which he had wished me to avoid.

Smiling at my own conceit, and failing to find, in the three-score faces before me, one that was particularly stamped with pride, or one that was marked with mischief, I turned to my books.

Something like a quick whisper broke through the stillness of the room as I did so. I glanced up. Every countenance perfectly poised in its demureness. I turned a second time to my books, and this time a big apple started from one of the back seats and came rolling down the aisle. I picked up the apple, laid it on the desk, and glanced in the direction from whence it had come.

"Goodness! what a pair of blue eyes were raised to mine! Eyes, saucy, daring and almost wicked. This was Lizzie Dane. I was quite sure."

A good beginning," I thought. Just then the school-room door was jerked open, and, looking up, I saw Charlotte Arden. My friend's caution was well. How like a beautiful picture she was, her fine head covered with pretty braids, perfectly poised, clear, brought out by the strong, careful. She stood, as if hesitating whether or not it was best for her to enter the room.

Lizzie Dane telegraphed to her with her sparkling eyes to enter. I suppressed the smile that was rising to my lips, and turned to Miss Arden, saying:

"Have you selected a seat?"

"No, sir," she answered, without moving.

"You may do so now," I said.

She glanced up and down the long rows of seats several times, and then turned to a side desk, but a short distance from my table.

"And as," she said, raising her eyes for a single moment to my face. I bowed, in approval of her choice, though it did not please me. I did not care to have her so near.

At the quarter-hour intermission Miss Arden and Miss Dane passed the time in pacing, arm in arm, back and forth on the blank space of floor before my desk. I could have wished, and did wish, that they had chosen any other promenade, but not knowing how to help myself, raises I sent them out of doors to play, like two children in pinafores, I pretended to be engaged in setting my books and papers to rights.

Children in pinafores! I smiled proudly to myself as the audacious thought entered my head. Children they both were, I said to myself.

"And as for pinafores," I said, "I'm sure they'd be vastly more appropriate and becoming than the little pinked and seamed and puckered little affair of plaid which Lizzie wore."

Such saucy little pocketers, fired off with gimp and things—the corner of a tiny note and the profile of a big, yellow orange revealed him in the distant month one, and the lace edge of a handkerchief, with a captivating rent in it, hanging jauntily from the other.

"He's splendid, Lot, isn't he?"

Miss Dane's voice broke my wonderings. I was modest in those days and blushed easily. My wife told me, yesterday, referring to that morning, that the tip of my ear grew red as coal. I wasn't aware of the circumstance before.

"Yes, Lot, don't you think he's splendid?" came that loud whisper again.

"If I do, I don't intend to tell him of it," she retorted.

"What eyes he has!"

"Noting to let you get to beauty."

"Deep-set! They are protruding as cows', and as big."

"More difference of opinion, my love. Don't let us quarrel."

"No, I mean, how much character there is in his nose."

"Decidedly."

I had a large nose.

"Room for more—"

I startled her there by dropping a book. It was certainly getting angry, but she recovered almost immediately, and went on:

"How do you think he will answer?"

"Answer?"

Miss Arden spoke inquiringly in a puzzled voice.

"You speak as if you thought I intended to propose to him."

"And so, I dare say, you will, if being less-pear, and you so smitten."

"In the case of him? he would answer in the affirmative."

"Oh! you conceived creature!"

"Hush! What if Mr. Eldridge should overhear us?"

"Ah! I hadn't."

"Will care if he does? It's nothing to him."

Nothing to me! to sit there and hear myself discussed in that way!

"But, seriously, what do you mean?"

"Why, have you forgotten that I proposed to you last night?"

"Do you think he would do for that?"

"Oh, possibly, if he understands his place and stays in it."

"Men! Boys!"

"I don't know. Men in some ways are intelligent. If you want

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